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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, February 25, 2022.

The victim has been identified as:

Marquis Antone Black Jr., (22), B/M, of Fairfield, Alabama.

At approximately 1:25 p.m. a South Precinct officer was patrolling the 900 block of 47th Street North when the officer heard several gunshots being fired. Shot Spotter alerts directed the officer to a nearby apartment building in the 900 block of 47th Street North.

The officer observed the victim lying unresponsive in a courtyard suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Details are limited in this investigation. Currently, there is no one in custody.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 20th murder investigation of 2022 including 1 justifiable death ruling.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

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